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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ADMISSION OF ORGANIZATIONS AS OBSERVERS

Admission of observers: intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

Note by the secretariat

1. The admission of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as observers is governed by Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which provides, *inter alia*, that "any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention, and which has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer, may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object".

2. At its first session, the Conference of the Parties (COP), further to a proposal by the President, agreed that the secretariat should invite to the future sessions of the Conference and of its subsidiary bodies, all intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations admitted at that session and at future sessions, unless an objection was raised to any particular organization in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure (FCCC/CP/1995/7, para. 22). Consequently, all the organizations admitted to previous sessions (with the exception of those which were admitted to the third session of the Conference of the Parties only) have been invited to attend the sixth session, and the procedure for admission to the Conference of the Parties applies to new applicants only.

3. In this context, the secretariat has prepared a list of new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have expressed a wish to be admitted to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 6), for consideration by the Parties at the start of the session. The list includes all new applicant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have requested and been accorded pre-admittance status to COP 6.

4. In drawing up the list, the secretariat has taken due account of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention and of the established practice whereby non-governmental organizations are required to furnish proof of their non-profit (tax-exempt) status in a State Member of the United Nations or a specialized agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency or to Parties to the International Court of Justice.

5. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered the list of applicants and raised no objections to the organizations listed in the attached annex. These organizations have been advised of their "pre-admittance status" on the understanding that the final authority for the admission of observers rests with the Conference of the Parties. The Bureau further recommended that the non-governmental organization with an asterisk against its name in the list be admitted only to COP 6, provided that they be invited to re-apply after that session of the Conference, should they wish to continue to participate in the Convention process.

6. In the light of the above, the Conference is invited, at its first plenary meeting to accord observer status to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the attached list.

Annex

List of new applicant organizations having expressed their wish to be admitted as observers at the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties

I. INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), Niamey, Niger
2. Communauté Economique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC), Bangui, République centrafricaine
3. Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), Caracas, Venuzuela
4. European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
5. Permanent Court of Arbitration, Cour Permanente d'Arbitrage (PCA), The Netherlands

II. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. Agora 21, Saint-Etienne, France
2. Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning/Alianza Contra el Envenenamiento por Plomo (AECLP), Washington, DC, United States of America
3. Amazon Alliance, Washington, DC, United States of America
4. Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Umweltfragen e.V. (AGU), Bonn, Germany
5. Areket, The Public Union "Ecological Centre" Astana, Kazakhstan
6. Association Amis de Tamchakett, Nouakchott, Mauritania
7. Association des Constructeurs Européens d'Automobiles/European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA), Brussels, Belgium
8. Business South Africa (BSA), Benmore, South Africa
9. Canadian Pulp and Paper Association/L'Association canadienne des pâtes et papiers (CPPA/ACPP), Quebec, Montreal, Canada
10. CarbonFix e.V. Münstertal, Germany
11. Centre for Energy Conservation and Environmental Technology/Centrum voor energiebesparing en schone technology, Delft, the Netherlands
12. Centre for Preparation and Implementation of International Projects on Technical Assistance (CPPI), Moscow, Russian Federation
13. Centre Patronal de l'Environnement du Québec (CPEQ), Montreal, Quebec, Canada
14. Centro de Asistencia Legal Popular (CEALP), Panama City, Panama
15. Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin, Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA), Quito, Ecuador
16. Council for Republican Environmental Advocacy (CREA), Washington, DC, United States of America
17. Energiestiftung Schleswig-Holstein/Energy Foundation Schleswig-Holstein (ESSGH), Kiel, Germany
18. Environment West Indies (EWI Guadeloupe), Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe, France
19. Environmental Resources Trust, Inc. (ERT), Washington, DC, United States of America
20. EPOTEC Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States of America
21. Erasmus University Rotterdam - Institute of Globalization, International Economic Law and Dispute Settlement (GLODIS), Rotterdam, the Netherlands

22. EURONATURA - Centro para o Direito Ambiental e Desenvolvimento Sustentado/Centre for Environmental Law and Sustainable Development (EURONATURA), Lisbon, Portugal
23. European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Belgium
24. European Confederation of Paper Industries (CEPI), Brussels, Belgium
25. European Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ECEEE), Oslo, Norway
26. European Federation of Asthma and Allergy Associations (EFA), Kullavik, Sweden
27. European Federation of Regional Energy and Environment Agencies/Fédération européenne des Agences Régionales et Locales pour l'Energie et l'Environnement (FEDARENE), Brussels, Belgium
28. European Natural Gas Vehicle Association (ENGVA), Amsterdam, the Netherlands
29. European Photovoltaic Industry Association (EPIA), Brussels, Belgium
30. Fédération Interprofessionnelle pour le développement de la filiere bois Rhône-Alpes (FIBRA), Lyon, France
31. FERN Foundation, Leiden, the Netherlands
32. Foundation DLO, Wageningen, the Netherlands
33. France Nature Environnement (FNE), Paris, France
34. Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena, Panama City, Panama
35. Global Environment Centre (GEC), Petaling, Malaysia
36. Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherches sur les Energies Renouvelables et l'Environnement (GERERE), Rabat, Morocco
37. Institute for Solid Waste Research and Ecological Balance (INSWAREB), Visakhapatnam, India
38. Institute for Technological Advancement, Inc.(ITA), Wilmington, Delaware, United States of America
39. Instituto de Derecho Ambiental (IDEA), Asunción, Paraguay
40. International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (IANGV), Auckland, New Zealand
41. International Emissions Trading Association (IETA), Geneva, Switzerland
42. International Fertilizer Industry Association (IFA), London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
43. International Society of Biometeorology (ISB), Paris, France
44. International Union of Railways (UIC), Paris, France
45. INZET Association for North-South Campaigns (INZET), Amsterdam, the Netherlands
46. Japan Environmental Council (JEC), Tokyo, Japan
47. Joyce Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, United States of America
48. Landvernd, National Association for the Protection of the Icelandic Environment (Landvernd), Reykjavik, Iceland
49. Manila Observatory (MO), Quezon City, Philippines
50. Meridian Institute, Dillon, Colorado, United States of America
51. Milieudefensie (Friends of the Earth Netherlands), Amsterdam, the Netherlands*
52. Minerals and Energy Policy Centre (MEPC), Johannesburg, South Africa
53. Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, California
54. National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), Des Moines, Iowa, United States of America
55. National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, India
56. Network for Environment and Sustainable Development (NESDA / REDDA), Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
57. Norges Rederiforbund/Norwegian Shipowners' Association, Oslo, Norway

58. Oxfam GB (OGB), Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
59. Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES), Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
60. Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development, Edmonton, Canada
61. Perimart International, Nairobi, Kenya
62. Programme National de Prevention, de Lutte et d'Assistance Humanitaire aux victimes des Catastrophes Naturelles (PRONAPLUCAN), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
63. Pro-Natura International (PNI), Paris, France
64. Stichting Aktie Strohalm (Vliegtax), Utrecht, Netherlands
65. Stiftung Wald in Not, Mainz, Germany
66. Swiss Association for Environmentally Conscious Management (ÖBU), Zürich, Switzerland
67. The Australia Institute LTD., Canberra, Australia
68. The Conservancy Association, Hong Kong, China
69. The Corner House, Sturminster, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
70. The George Washington University, Center for Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management, United States of America
71. The Japan Economic Research Institute, Tokyo, Japan
72. The Sudanese Environment Conservation Society (SECS), Khartoum, Sudan
73. The Transnational Institute (TNI), Energy Project, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
74. Third Planet, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States of America
75. Union of Public Associations "Environmental Congress of Russia" (REC), Moscow, Russian Federation
76. University of Cambridge, Centre of International Studies, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
77. University of East Anglia, School of Environmental Sciences, Climate Research Unit/ Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, East Anglia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
78. University of Groningen, Department of Economics and Public Finance, Groningen, the Netherlands
79. University of Maastricht, Institute of Transnational Legal Research (METRO), Maastricht, the Netherlands
80. University of Oxford, Environmental Change Institute (ECI), Oxford, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
81. University of Waikato, The International Global Change Institute (IGCI), Hamilton, New Zealand
82. Wetlands International, Wageningen, the Netherlands
83. World Petroleum Congress (WPC), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
84. Yaysan PELANGI Indonesia (PELANGI), Jakarta, Indonesia
85. Young Energy Specialists and Development Co-operation (YES-DC), Utrecht, the Netherlands.

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